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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 20, 1998

APPLICATION OF

GTE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION  
OF VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC980080

For a certificate of public  
convenience and necessity  
to provide local exchange  
telecommunications service

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On August 11, 1998, AT&T Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("AT&T"), Cox Virginia Telecom, Inc. ("Cox") and MCI Communications Corporation ("MCI"), filed a Joint Motion for Extension of Time ("Motion"). The Motion recites a number of factors that make this application more complicated than the typical competitive local exchange company ("CLEC") certificate application. The Motion requests an extension of the remaining procedural deadlines and proposes a hearing for Wednesday, October 21, 1998.

On August 13, 1998, GTE Communications Corporation of Virginia ("GTE-CC") filed its response to the Motion. GTE-CC did not oppose the Motion. It did, however, propose that the current hearing scheduled for September 16, 1998, be retained to hear from any public witnesses who may appear and wish to be

heard and that the response time for interrogatories and data requests be extended from 10 to 15 business days due to the complicated issues involved.

The three Protestants who filed the Motion replied to GTE-CC's response on August 14, 1998, taking issue with GTE-CC's proposal to extend the response period for interrogatories and data requests to 15 business days.

Having considered the Motion, GTE-CC's response and the Protestants' reply, the Commission is of the opinion that the motion should be granted. The Commission is not altering the 10 day response period specified in ordering paragraph (15) of our July 10, 1998 Order for Notice and Hearing. If data requests and interrogatories become too voluminous or too complicated, GTE-CC, within 5 days after receipt of the request, may petition for an extension of the response time.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The August 14, 1998 deadline for written comments concerning GTE-CC's application has passed but additional comments will be received through September 14, 1998.

(2) The August 20, 1998 deadline listed in ordering paragraphs (9) and (10) of the Order for Notice and Hearing is extended such that Protests and direct testimony and exhibits are due on or before September 21, 1998.

(3) The September 3, 1998 deadline for the Staff Report, listed at paragraph (11) of the Order for Notice and Hearing, is extended such that the Staff report is due on or before October 9, 1998.

(4) The September 10, 1998 deadline for GTE-CC to submit rebuttal testimony, listed at paragraph (13) of the Order for Notice and Hearing, is extended such that rebuttal testimony is due on or before October 14, 1998.

(5) The public hearing scheduled for 10:00 a.m. September 16, 1998, referenced in ordering paragraphs (3) and (4) of the Order for Notice and Hearing, will be held as scheduled but solely for the purpose of hearing comments from public witnesses.

(6) An additional public hearing, for the purpose of receiving direct and rebuttal testimony and cross examination thereon, will be held in the Commission's 2nd Floor Courtroom at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 1998.

(7) In all other respects, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing of July 9, 1998 remains unaltered.